

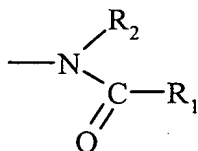
IN THE CLAIMS: See Listing of Claims. This listing will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

REMARKS

It is the position of the Office that the application pertains to inventions which are not so linked as to form a general inventive concept. The applicants **traverse** this conclusion on the grounds that a chemist would not find the instant invention to involve structurally distinct inventions. Absent contradictory evidence that those skilled in the art would find the instant invention to consist of multiple inventions, it is submitted that the Office Requirement is not substantiated.

It is the position of the Office that a precise listing of inventive groups cannot be made due to the numerous variables in the claims. The Office lists Exemplary Groups I-VI and states that the applicants may choose to elect a single invention by identifying another specific embodiment which is not listed in the above-mentioned Exemplary Groups.

The Applicants are grateful for the opportunity to define a specific embodiment of the invention. In an effort to advance the prosecution of the instant application, the applicants elect **with traverse** the following proposed Restriction Group: Claims 19-33, 36, and 39, compounds in which A represents



The Applicants also designate the species of Example 7, i.e., *N*-(2-{3-[3-(aminomethyl)phenyl]-7-methoxy-1-naphthyl}ethyl)acetamide, as representative of the above-proposed Restriction Group.

Moreover, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include at least one method of treatment claim from **Group VI** for simultaneous prosecution with the

substance claims of the proposed Restriction Group. The Applicants hereby designate the claim to treatment of *severe depression* for such examination.

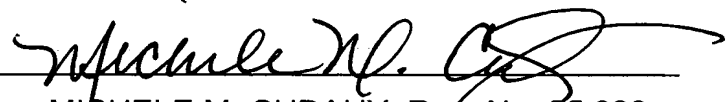
Absent a favorable decision upon reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner may withdraw the non-elected subject matter, without prejudice to its rejoinder during later examination and/or prosecution in a Divisional Application.

Finally, the Applicants supply a new Listing of Claims to clarify the instant claim numbering. The original claims in the application were numbered 1-19. The Listing of Claims supplied on May 2, 2006 in Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 26, 2006 incorrectly indicated Claims 1-18 as "canceled" and Claims 19-39 as "new." Therefore, the Applicants provide a new Listing of Claims in which Claims 1-19 are indicated as "canceled", and Claims 20-40 have the appropriate identifier (i.e., "previously presented" or "currently amended"), and the numbering in the dependent claims has been appropriately corrected.

Accordingly, entry of the present Election and Amendment into the record of this application and favorable action on the merits thereof, are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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